**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

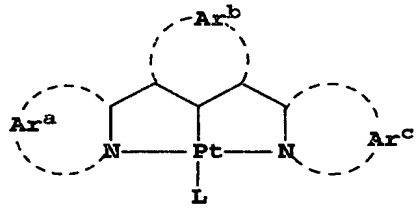
1. (Original) An electroluminescent device comprising a light-emitting layer containing a light emitting material that contains an organometallic complex comprising a metal selected from the group consisting of Pt, Pd and Ir, and a tridentate (N^C^N) ligand, wherein the tridentate (N^C^N) ligand represents a ligand that coordinates to the metal through a nitrogen donor bond, a carbon-metal bond, and a nitrogen donor bond, in that order, wherein at least one of the nitrogen donors is part of an aromatic ring or an imine group.

2. (Original) The device of Claim 1 wherein the metal is Pt.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The device of Claim 1 wherein each of the nitrogen donors is part of an aromatic ring.

5. (Original) The device of Claim 1 wherein the organometallic complex can be represented by Formula (1a),




(1a)

wherein:

$Ar^a$, $Ar^b$, and $Ar^c$ independently represent the atoms necessary to form a five or six-membered aromatic ring group; and

L is an anionic ligand.

6. (Original) The device of claim 5 wherein $Ar^a$, $Ar^b$, and $Ar^c$ independently represent the atoms necessary to form a six-membered aromatic ring group.

7. (Original) The device of claim 5 wherein $Ar^a$ and $Ar^c$ independently represent the atoms necessary to form a pyridine ring group.

8. (Original) The device of claim 5 wherein $Ar^b$ represents the atoms necessary to form a benzene ring group.

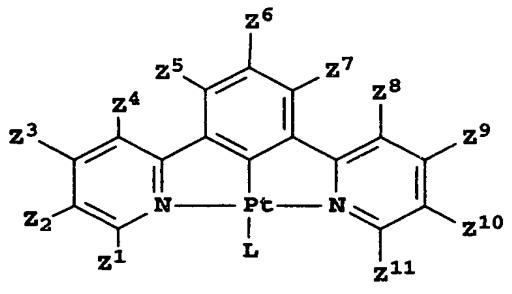
9. (Original) The device of claim 5 wherein L represents halogen.

10. (Original) The device of claim 5 wherein L represents a substituent that forms a carbon-platinum bond.

11. (Original) The device of claim 5 wherein L represents an alkynyl group, an alkenyl group, an aryl group, or an alkyl group.

12. (Original) The device of claim 5 wherein L represents RX, wherein X represents a substituent that forms a bond to platinum and wherein X represents N, O, S, or Se, and R represents a substituent.

13. (Original) The device of Claim 1 wherein the organometallic complex is represented by Formula (1b),




(1b)

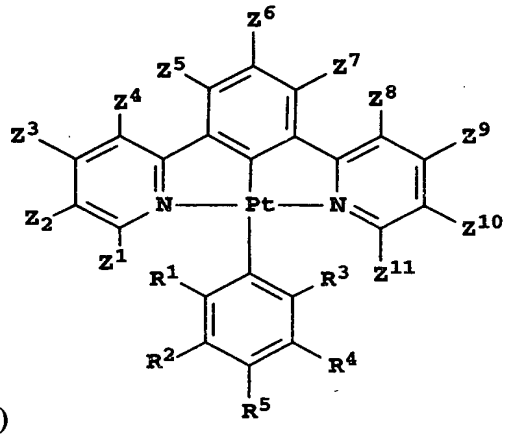
wherein,

$Z^1 - Z^{11}$ represent hydrogen or independently selected substituent groups, provided that adjacent substituent groups can combine to form rings, and provided that $Z^4$ and $Z^5$, and $Z^7$ and $Z^8$ can also combine to form rings; and

L represents an anionic ligand.

14. (Original) The device of claim 13 wherein L represents halogen, an alkynyl group, an alkenyl group, an aryl group, an alkyl group, or RX, wherein X represents a substituent that forms a bond to platinum and wherein X represents N, O, S, or Se, and R represents an aryl group, an alkyl group, a carbonyl group or a sulfonyl group.

15. (Original) The device of Claim 1 wherein the organometallic complex can be represented by Formula (1c),




(1c)

wherein,

$Z^1 - Z^{11}$ represent independently selected substituent groups, provided that adjacent substituent groups can combine to form rings, and provided that $Z^4$ and $Z^5$, and $Z^7$ and $Z^8$ can also combine to form rings; and

$R^1 - R^5$ represent hydrogen or independently selected substituents, provided that adjacent substituent groups can combine to form rings.

16. (Original) The device of claim 15 wherein $R^1$ and $R^2$ of Formula (1c) combine to form a six-membered ring group.

17. (Original) The device of claim 15, wherein $R^1$ of Formula (1c) is a 1-12 carbon alkyl group.

18. (Previously presented) The device of claim 15 wherein $R^1$ and $R^2$, of Formula (1c), combine to form a six-membered ring group.

19. (Previously presented) The device of claim 15, wherein $R^3$ and $R^4$ also combine to form a six-membered ring group.

20. (Previously presented) The device of claim15, wherein $R^1$ and $R^3$ independently represent a 1-12 carbon alkyl group.

21. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the light-emitting material is disposed in a host material.

22. (Original) The device of claim 21 wherein the light emitting material is present in an amount of up to 50 wt% based on the host.

23. (Original) The device of claim 21 wherein the light emitting material is present in an amount of up to 15 wt% based on the host.

24. (Original) The device of claim 1 capable of emitting white light.

25. (Original) The device of claim 24 including a filtering means.

26. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1 including a fluorescent light emitting material in addition to the organometallic complex light emitting material.

27. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein the organometallic complex contains a quinolinyl or isoquinolinyl group.

28. (Original) A display comprising the OLED device of claim 1.

29. (Original) An area lighting device comprising the OLED device of claim 1.